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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

'08 MJ 8055

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Maria Cristina BONILLA-Bautista

Defendant.

Magistrate Case No.:

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF

21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960

Importation of a Controlled Substance  
(Felony)

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

On or about January 22, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant Maria Cristina BONILLA-Bautista did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 21.30 kilograms (46.86 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.

*[Signature]*  
Special Agent  
U.S. Immigration & Customs  
Enforcement

SWORN TO, BEFORE ME, AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE THIS 23<sup>rd</sup>  
DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.

*[Signature]*  
Peter C. Lewis  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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5 STATEMENT OF FACTS  
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7 This complaint is based upon the personal observations, investigation and  
8 information provided to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent  
9 Timothy Henderson.  
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11 On January 22, 2008, Maria Cristina BONILLA-Bautista made entry into the  
12 United States from Mexico through the Calexico, California East Port of Entry.  
13 BONILLA was the driver of a Nissan Passenger car of unknown ownership. Customs  
14 and Border Protection Officer (CBPO) E. Medina received a negative Customs  
15 declaration from BONILLA. CBPO Medina referred BONILLA for further inspection.  
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17 In secondary, CBP Canine Enforcement Officer (CEO) E. Smura utilized his  
18 Narcotic Detector Dog (NDD) to screen the Nissan. The NDD alerted to the odor of a  
19 controlled substance in the area of the Nissan. CBPO S. Apolinar continued the  
20 inspection of CORONADO and the Jeep.  
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22 Inspection of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of four (4) packages containing  
23 a green leafy substance. CBPO Almaghraby removed a sample from one of the  
24 packages. This sample field-tested positive for marijuana. The combined weight of the  
25 packages was 21.30 kilograms (46.86 pounds).  
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27 Special Agent (S/A) Timothy Henderson interviewed BONILLA. S/A S. Galvan  
28 read BONILLA her constitutional rights per Miranda in Spanish. BONILLA orally  
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1 waived her rights, as well as signing the written waiver of rights, agreeing to make a  
2 statement.

3 BONILLA stated that she was told that controlled substances (drugs) would be  
4 within the Nissan. BONILLA stated that she would be paid to transport the controlled  
5 substance laden vehicle to an unknown location within California.  
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